

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR PLANNING AND HOUSING TO THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY, 15 JUNE 2016

Building control trading company

Various options are currently being investigated for the formation of a building control trading company. Building control functions are carried out within a competitive market and as such the Isle of Wight Council needs to adapt to function within the wider market.

Brighstone neighbourhood development plan

The council's Executive supports enabling the plan to move to referendum and recognises the hard work of Brighstone Parish Council in bringing the plan forward.

Housing strategy

Work is underway to develop a housing strategy with our registered provider partners and key stakeholders to address the challenges faced by the Island to provide affordable rented housing in the face of diminished government grants as the Planning and Housing Act pushes for delivery of starter homes and shared ownership models.

Area action plans

The local planning authority is currently working through the various consultation responses and expanding the evidence base to include traffic modelling for Ryde, Newport and the Bay with a view to improving the network to boost economic regeneration in those key areas.

PUSH

As part of PUSH, a joint spatial position statement has been published, setting out the joint approach we will be taking with regard to growth in the housing market areas within the region under duty to cooperate. This is work that can be fed into further local spatial planning work that may arise from devolution opportunities.

Affordable housing Supplementary Planning Document

Government recently introduced new thresholds for contributions which we will now feed into the review of our SPD.

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